

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

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Mr. Richard W. Corey Executive Officer California Air Resource Board 1001 I Street, P.O. Box 2815 Sacramento, California 95812

Re: Completeness Finding for the Western Mojave Desert Ozone Attainment Plan for the 2008 8-

Hour Ozone Standards

Dear Mr. Corey:

On June 2, 2017, you submitted the 2016 75 ppb Ozone Attainment Plan for the Western Mojave Desert Nonattainment Area for the 2008 8-hour ozone standards as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan. We have reviewed this package and found that it conforms to the completeness criteria in 40 CFR part 51, appendix V. Among other elements, the submittal includes an attainment demonstration, reasonable further progress (RFP) demonstration, attainment and RFP contingency measures, and transportation control strategies and measures (TCMs) to offset growth in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) for the West Mojave Desert nonattainment area.

This submittal addresses the finding of failure to submit made by the EPA on February 3, 2017 (82 FR 9158) with respect to VMT-TCMs to offset growth. The finding of completeness conveyed in this letter stops the clock for implementation of sanctions under section 179(a) of the Clean Air Act for this SIP element.

If you have any questions, please call me or have your staff contact Anita Lee, Acting Manager of the Planning Office, at (415) 972-3958 or lee.anita@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Lakin

Acting Director, Air Division

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cc: Brad Poiriez, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District Bret Banks, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District